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APPELLANT'S BRIEF UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.37

Appeal is taken from the Examiner's Office Action mailed July 21, 2004 finally rejecting claims 1-12 and 23-31 in this application.

This Appeal Brief is further to the Notice of Appeal mailed in this case on October 21, 2004.

The fees required under §41.20(b)(1) are dealt with in the accompanying TRANSMITTAL OF APPEAL BRIEF.

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